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THE next edition of the ADVOCATE will be issued forty-eight hours later than usual, in order to enable us to give readers a fair idea of the result of the election.

WATCH the count and take every precaution against frauds.

COLONEL NORTON wisely says, "Turn the guns on the enemy."

A SAYING of \$205,448 in one year's administration of State affairs is not a bad showing for the late Populist administration.

THE idea of the Republican management is that votes enough must be secured for the gold Democrat and "Middle-of-the-road Populist" tickets to nullify the silver Republican vote, or McKinley will lose the State.

THE charges that Leedy is promising places, getting money from whisky

men, and all such things are false. Mr. Leedy will go into office absolutely free from any entangling alliances.

ECONOMY NEEDED IN STATE AFFAIRS.

After all that has been printed in these columns from Republican newspapers, tending to show that the present Republican administration is weak, vacillating, dishonest and extravagant, it would seem unnecessary to submit anything further on that line. Beginning with the Governor helping himself to several hundred dollars out of his contingent fund to pay clerk hire and expenses incurred prior to his inauguration, and ending with the stealing of carpets by employees who are still retained on the pay-roll, the "business" features of this administration seem to be failures except for the few people who happen to be in office.

It has been charged openly that old soldiers have been killed at Osawatimie Insane Asylum, yet not even an investigation was made. Gust Mauer was sent home from the Topeka Insane Asylum with two black eyes, a broken nose and a broken neck, his body being accompanied by a certificate from the Superintendent that he had died of apoplexy, yet no effort was ever made to right the wrong, and the Superintendent is still in office. Similar cases are being brought to light, but the "business" administration lacks time or disposition to look after the poor unfortunates who are being brutally treated. The expenses of State institutions have been permitted to steadily increase, yet the poor inmates complain of lack of good food. Police Commissioners are named in the first class cities, who, with one or two exceptions, are lining joints, or, rather, in effect are nullifying the prohibitory law and putting into operation a high license system. No effort is being made to enforce the law as the statute and the Governor's oath of office contemplates. Corruption is permitted to creep in everywhere. Public affairs are handled as if public office was a private snap.

All these things have been repeatedly placed before ADVOCATE readers. The evidence of Republican newspapers has been submitted to a great extent. There can be no doubt but that this is the most extravagant and reckless administration the State has had in years. The table given on another page proves this. And in this connection the ADVOCATE desires to state that these figures are absolutely correct, without any juggling or attempt at misrepresentation, and are as shown by the records. Any other statement of conditions is juggled so that the true figures are not shown.

Now it is no use to turn these men down unless better are named in their stead. But voters have a People's party ticket before them, made up of careful, plain, honest men, committed to an economical administration of affairs. They are from the ranks and are acquainted in their every-day life with the full meaning of the word economy. With one exception they are men with a very small amount of this world's goods to their credit. They are not used to high or luxurious living. They know the condition of the common people, because they come of that class. They can be relied on to give to the State an administration which will make the heart of the overburdened taxpayer glad. Their election should be assured by a safe majority.

AFTER returning from a recent Western campaign tour, Senator Lodge

of Massachusetts said: "I was surprised when I noticed the class of people who were against the single standard. They are not foreigners, as I had understood, but good native-born Americans, typical Yankees. This is especially true of Kansas, a State settled by New Englanders. There the old settlers and their descendants are almost solidly against us, and I must confess that they cannot be called anarchistic or unpatriotic."

STATE EXPENDITURES COMPARED.

In another column appears a detailed showing of the juggling of figures by Republicans in their leaflet in which they give an alleged comparison of the expenses of the Populist and Republican administrations. This shows a balance of \$73,757 in favor of the Populists in the departments compared. If all the departments were included in the comparison this balance in favor of Populists would be increased to \$159,135. They are not all included, as this is a comparison of those departments only which are referred to in the Republican leaflet. There is no account taken of the earnings of departments and institutions. These show a net Populist income of \$162,920.59 and a Republican income of \$116,807.70. These figures are taken from the same Treasurer's and Auditor's reports from which all the figures given by Mr. Semple are taken. This gives a balance of \$46,312.89 in favor of Populists, which, added to the above figures, gives a total balance in favor of the Populists of \$205,448.70 if all the departments are compared, or \$119,889.89 if those departments only are compared which are shown in Mr. Semple's table. This showing is absolutely correct. The figures are taken from official reports. They show the actual amount of the taxpayer's money paid out and the actual returns made in the way of incomes and earnings. It is a record to be proud of, and an even better record will be made if the present Populist candidates are elected.

INSIST ON A FAIR COUNT.

It must be admitted that a free ballot and a fair count is not so popular with Kansas Republicans as it ought to be. Men, whose daily walk in life is exemplary in every particular, are not always men who can be safely trusted in election matters. There has not been an election in the State in years in which the Republicans have not taken advantage of opportunities afforded in some localities to practice frauds which have swelled their vote beyond that to which they were entitled. The only safe way is to watch every point. Silver men should not only watch, but should in all cases and under all circumstances insist on having the letter of the law carried out.

Proper representation on the election board is an important matter. In most precincts the board should consist of one Republican, one Populist and one Democrat. The clerks should be of different parties representing the two leading ones. Two election officers, usually one judge and one clerk, of different political parties, shall be named in the morning to assist illiterate voters. It is their duty to see that the ballot is marked as the voter directs. In challenging, the vote may be sworn in, but must be marked with the number of the voter's name on the poll list. Extreme care should be taken that no official ballot is permitted to get out of the polling place. If a briber can get a ballot he can mark it his way, give it to a voter, who gets

a ballot in the regular way, goes to the booth, and returning, votes the ticket the briber gave him. Then he returns the ballot the judge gave him to the briber, who knows he has voted his way, and pays him. Watch all these things.

When the count begins, have the Populist or Democrat judge read the ballot. A Republican is apt to read the names of his own candidates where ours appear. If a Republican reads, see that he is closely watched. Have a friendly judge take the ballots from the box and inspect each before he gives it to the reading judge, in order that he may know if it is properly read. Each candidate is entitled by law to have present a representative to witness the count. Whether you are a judge or clerk, take down for your own use the footings for every candidate. Then, if the figures are subsequently changed, you can testify as to what they were originally. If you have a copy of the ballot law, read it carefully.

Insist on your rights as a member of the party. Do not be bulldozed. The only way the gold crowd can win is by fraud. Don't hesitate about spending all day and half the night watching after these things. A few hours so spent may save the State and may save the Presidency. Let us have a free ballot and an absolutely fair count.

LET US HAVE GOOD LEGISLATION.

While the duty of electing a United States Senator is an important matter, still there are other good reasons why a Populist Legislature should be chosen. It is important that legislators should be chosen with due consideration of their ability and desire to assist in enacting legislation of value to the people. A maximum freight law similar to the Iowa law should be adopted. Farmers should no longer be required to give an unreasonable portion of their products to railroads to get the remainder to market. Taxation laws should be more equitable. Useless and unnecessary expenses of State government should be cut off. Appropriations should be made with more care and with a greater view to public economy. A large number of other things which are in line with the demands of the people may be done by a Populist Legislature.

A careful examination of the bills passed by the House in 1890 and by the Senate in 1893 and 1895, when those bodies were controlled by Populists, shows that a Legislature entirely controlled by that party would do the State material service. In almost all cases the Populists and the other silver forces have agreed on candidates who are representative citizens,—men of mature ability and character; and who can be safely trusted on questions of State legislation and in the election of a United States Senator. These candidates should in all cases receive the united votes of all silver men. Let no feeling of any sort interfere with any silver man giving them cordial support.

WE are warned by gold standard advocates that financial distress will follow free coinage. Can conditions become any worse? Can a man sinking in quicksand be induced to give up efforts to get out?

THE charge that the old war horses of Populism are being ignored this year is untrue. Every loyal Populist speaker whom it has been possible to get into the field has been sent out by the committee.